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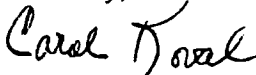
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

We write today to express our endorsement of settling the Microsoft case. Microsoft has gotten a raw deal in the recent antitrust case. After being the leading innovator of computer technology over the last 10 years and standardizing the industry, Microsoft is now the victim of competitors that cannot compete and politicians who are self interested.

We are both glad to see that Microsoft will not be broke up, but under the terms of settlement, Microsoft will still be thoroughly punished. Microsoft had to promise to not retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. They have also agreed not to retaliate against software developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on a non- Windows. These concessions and more represent stipulations that benefit competitors, but not necessarily consumers.

While flawed and unjustified, the settlement still represents the public's best interests because the alternative is further litigation. Our country cannot afford any more rounds of this. Please take a stand and make sure the settlement is finalized.

Sincerely,



Carol Koval

CC: Senator Rick Santorum